

1    CLAIMS:

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3    1.     A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing  
4    through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:  
5           affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and  
6           activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe.

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8    2.     The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed within a slip bowl.

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10   3.     The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed beneath a rotary  
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13   4.     The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed beneath a slip  
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16   5.     The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed within said slip.

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